

WILLAMETTE FUND OF \$1,250,000 IS FULLY SIGNED UP

Willamette University, Salem, Dec. 21.—A few minutes before midnight the Willamette university fund movement crossed the \$1,250,000 goal with a margin which brought the endorsement to a successful close. As early as 10:30 it was ascertained that the pledging would reach the desired mark, though previous to the last three days the officials and directors were very anxious as to the outcome. The rally of the workers during this week has had much to do with the finish. Exactly at 11:55 p. m. the whistle of the Spaulding saw mill started blowing. After the Whaley hall victory bell had pealed out the glad tidings. Many of the churches, factories and others joined in the general celebration.

The student body, faculty members and the friends of Willamette university had gathered in the chapel of Walker hall earlier in the evening. After the news of the victory reached them they formed a line and marched through the business districts of Salem. The women marchers carried torches and every one had some apparatus to make noise.

Willamette university will now be able to pay off every obligation and be freed from debt.

Construction will be started on a new gymnasium, a central heating plant and other needed improvements will be made. It also means the increasing of the student body to 1,000 students within the next five years.

RAISING OF FUND ASSURES \$250,000 M. E. BOARD GIFT

Word was received in Portland on Wednesday night of the success of the Willamette university endowment fund drive.

With that amount raised the university also will get an additional \$250,000 from the general education board of the Methodist Episcopal church. The success of the drive was indicated at noon, when reports of the various committees were given at a luncheon at the Seward hotel.

At that time it was announced that \$1,199,000 had been subscribed. The total sum had to be raised by midnight Wednesday in order to secure the appropriation from the Methodist board.

Portland went out over Salem in the contest to see which city could raise \$300,000 first raising \$9000 extra. Portland solicitors gathered \$29,000 since Tuesday noon. Among the gifts

Announced Wednesday were: Meier & Frank, \$5000; Olds, Warriman & King, \$5000; Powers Furniture company, \$1000; Imperial hotel, \$1000; Benson firm, \$1000; "A. Friend," \$10,000, and Mrs. Frederick Eggert, \$5000.

New Ladies' Cloak, Suit Firm Formed

Louis Spiegel and William M. Krause announced today that they have formed a partnership to manufacture ladies' coats and suits, with headquarters on the second floor of the Fieldner building, 19th and Washington streets. Spiegel, who has been in the manufacturing business for several years, will have charge of the plant. Krause, a resident of Portland for 24 years, was for several years merchandise manager of the Eastern Outfitting company and just closed out Peterson's upstairs clothes shop for the firm. The firm will operate under the name of Spiegel-Krause company.

Prominent Merchant Is Found Shot Dead

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Albert Benham, prominent wholesale grocer, was found shot dead in his apartment here today. The revolver which apparently had brought about his death lay by his side. The bullet entered through the back of the man's head and emerged above his right eye. The police expressed uncertainty whether the death in murder or suicide. Benham recently was defendant in a breach of promise suit here.

COMPANY GETS SAMPLES

Jedness Bros. & Co., salmon brokers, were allowed by Federal Judge Dietrich today to take 480 samples of salmon out of a shipment of 1600 cases which the government has seized and condemned as unfit for consumption. Counsel for the firm said it was desired to test the fish, and if found fit for use it is intended to contest the government's report. It is found correct no effort will be made to resist the confiscation and destruction.

NINE SAILORS DROWNED

Paris, Dec. 21.—(U. N. S.)—Nine sailors were drowned today in a collision between the Norwegian steamship Asturida and the French ship Vindictis off St. Nazaire today.

ASTORIA FUND VOTED

Medford, Dec. 21.—The Medford city council appropriated \$500 for Astoria fire relief.

THREE OTHERS TAKEN IN GIRL MYSTERY

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How, as she described it, was curtains and the entire room, with the bed in the corner, was visible, just as she had said.

Deputy District Attorney Mowry appeared more willing this afternoon to credit the girl's tale than he did last night, when she first told it, or this morning when the elder Weir was arrested and shouted his emphatic denial.

"Old Cash Weir, Earl's father, killed her," the girl declared again and again last night, and her story could not be shaken.

But when Cash Weir, who is 62, was arrested in his boathouse last night at the foot of Belmont street, he laughed uproariously.

"JOKE," HE DECLARES

"Ho ho," he declared, "what a joke. She's so good. She's just mad because I told my son not to have anything to do with her."

So when both the old man and the young woman stuck to their stories through the night, under the questioning and questioning of detectives, there seemed little left to do except to let them go.

BEWARE OF DAGO RED

If Cash Weir should ever be hanged, and the prison chaplain, when the noose is around his neck, should ask him if he has any remarks to make, he may declare:

"Beware of dago red, it makes one talk too much."

SHE CASH VISITS HER

The next day Cash Weir came to his room. He said Earl had told him that he knew, and he said he was going to put me out of the way if I ever breathed a word to anyone. After that Earl and Cash seemed to be afraid to see me. Finally, on October 8, they made me go down to the houseboat to live. They locked me in, and pretty soon they moved the boat out into the river and opened up a residence for me. I was there for four days without a bite to eat. About 7 o'clock the morning of the fourth day Cash brought me some sandwiches. Then the houseboat was moved up to Ross island, and Chris Great, this crippled man up there, tied it up.

"I was prisoner there for a long time. One day I got Chris to take me up to the houseboat. I was afraid to go because Cash said he would kill me if he found me there. A man stopped me on the bridge and asked if I wasn't Helen Leary. He said Cash had threatened to put me out of the way because I was winning the love and devotion of his son. I turned back, afraid."

SEE BARRICADED DOORS

"After this on three nights in succession, someone tried to break into the houseboat. I barricaded the doors and kept them out. Chris helped me some. Then Dorothy and Loomis, known on the waterfront as 'Dago Red' and said Cash had told them they could have the houseboat free of rent if they would board me.

"It was one night when with Dorothy and I had taken too much dago red that I told about the murder."

"Disinterested persons reported the facts to police having heard 'Dago Red' and Helen Leary talk over the case. The two were wondering whether they should report it to police.

Helen Leary said this afternoon she believed she could point out the place where she and Earl Weir were driving when Weir is said to have leaped over and whispered to her 'I can't recognize it if driven over it, she said. Police plan to take her on a tour of the roads leading down the river. This incident happened about a week after the crime, according to her story.

The girl said she wrote a letter to the police not long ago, but was afraid to send it for fear Earl Weir would discover it.

"Captain" Weir is known up and down the waterfront and has been a picturesque figure for years. Known to the police and the coast patrol as a good-hearted man of inoffensive habits, he has often given temporary aid to the down-and-out, finding refuge and food for him in his floating home.

SEEK GIRL'S IDENTITY

Police were working on clues as to the identity of the girl who was alleged to have been murdered. Many stories of vanished children came to police headquarters from distraught parents. One report was from Lents of a girl answering the description who disappeared late in September.

Helen Leary, however, stated that the girl on the houseboat told her she was from "somewhere up in Washington." She spoke of her brothers and said she left home because she had a quarrel with her mother.

HARTSON CONFIRMED

Washington, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Nelson T. Hartson of Washington state was confirmed as a collector of internal revenue by the senate late today.

Proposed Storage Of Logs in Oswego Lake 'Unnecessary'

Testimony tending to show that the project of the Oswego Log & Boom company, which proposes to build a runway from Oswego lake to the Willamette river and store logs in the lake for consumption in Portland markets, is unnecessary as a public service, was brought out today during the examination of Theodore B. Brown, forest engineer and lumber manufacturer. The hearing of the request of the boom company was resumed this morning before the public service commission.

Brown occupied the stand during the entire forenoon. He was introduced as a witness by the Oregon Iron & Steel company, which owns the riparian rights to the property along the lake shore which the boom company wishes to utilize for the runway. The steel company is opposing the plan.

Brown testified that there was an abundance of available land both in Oswego and Portland vicinity for locating such a project without damaging residential sites or pleasure places. He said that now the Wheeler and McCall booms, with combined capacities of a million feet, were only storing 300,000 feet of lumber, and that from

It would appear no additional storage space was needed immediately.

It was developed that the Southern Pacific, which in 1920, hauled from the district affected by this project, 102,000,000 feet of lumber, during this year had hauled only 50,000,000 feet of lumber.

GIRLS' CHORUS SINGS

The chorus of the girls' polytechnic school is entertaining shopping crowds in the downtown stores this afternoon, singing Christmas carols in some of the popular stores and restaurants. The girls will sing Friday in the school building, Miss Minetta Masera, instructor, trained the 100 singers of the class.

TO RETURN VIOLATORS

Herbert West and Rhody Bear, young desperadoes who confessed to several highway robberies recently, will be returned to the state training school today by state officers; it was announced by Sheriff Hurlbut. No trial is necessary since both of the lads are parole violators from the training school in Salem.

TO RAISE HULL

Bulkheads in the aft end of the wrecked steamer Welsh Prince, sunk in the lower Columbia river last May, have been completed and pumping operations will begin in a few days in raising that half of the hull. Pumps are now being installed and several tests have already been made. It is

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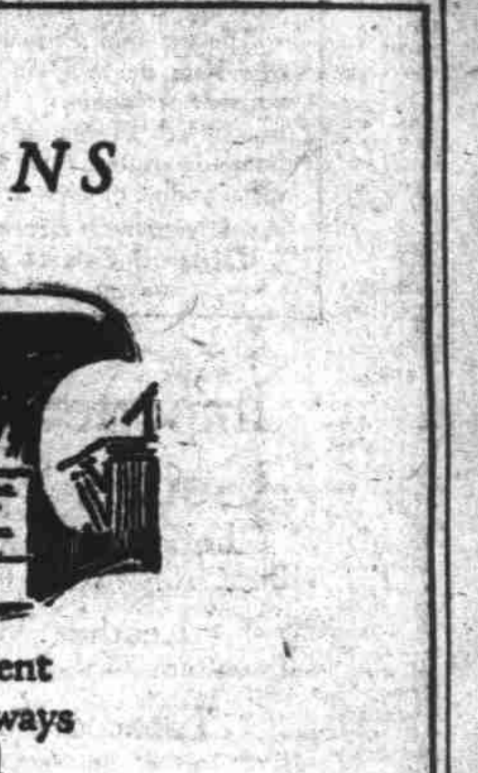
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